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## BULGARIA ARMED STILL WAITING

She Has Not Yet Cast Her Lot With Either Side

Seeks Macedonia And Will Seek Steps To Secure It

London, Sept. 23.—Developments in Bulgaria have thrown into comparative obscurity the continued Russian retreat from Vilna, but with the exception of the northern tip of Polish front, where the Russians are on the offensive near Friedland, the Germans claim progress throughout mid-Poland as far south as Ostrow, which they have captured. The greatest number of prisoners taken at any point, however, did not exceed 2,000.

The German war office claims further headway in Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's envelopment movement against Dvinsk, penetrating the Russian positions southwest of that city. Dvinsk is under bombardment.

Fighting on the western front is still chiefly confined to artillery firing which the French, British and Belgians are conducting on a huge scale after a systematic plan. Spirited cannonading has been opened in Belgium, and there has been a continuation of artillery engagements along the line of the south, the Paris war office mentioning special activity between the Somme and the Oise and the Aisne and the Marne and in Lorraine.

French aviators have bombarded Stuttgart, capital of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, according to the French official communication. They dropped about 100 shells on the royal palace and the station. They also dropped bombs at different points along the way.

Expert opinion here is that, although the Bulgarian army is now on the move, Bulgaria has not yet cast her lot with one side or the other, but is, as her minister here expressed it, still neutral, still waiting, but armed.

Bulgaria's position has not as yet been definitely defined. It is made plain, however, that the nation has for its object the incorporation of Macedonia within its borders and will take any steps considered necessary to attain that end. The military measures so far are of a precautionary nature, similar to those of Switzerland and Holland, according to the Bulgarian minister in London, who denied that Bulgaria has decided to

act with the central powers.

There is general activity of the Austro-Germans along the Serbian frontier. A semi-official dispatch from Nish repudiates reports that Serbia has been asked in effect to remain quiescent while the Austro-Germans conduct their campaign southward.

### BRYAN'S PROPOSED PEACE TRIP A THEME

President Wilson and Former Secretary Hold Conference.

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Wilson and former Secretary Bryan met for the first time since the latter resigned from the cabinet three months ago. For nearly an hour the two were alone together in the green room of the White House and they parted smiling.

From the fact that Mr. Bryan is contemplating a trip to Europe in the interest of peace, and from the opposition he has already expressed to large expenditures for national defense, official Washington assumed that he had touched on both subjects in his conversation with the president. It is understood, however, that the president is not disposed to approve or disapprove the idea of the trip to Europe and that he has not yet formed his own conclusions as to the national defense program.

Mr. Bryan told friends later that he himself was undecided as to whether or not he would go to Europe, and that he had speaking engagements up to Nov. 1, so that it was unlikely he would reach a decision before then.

Later Henry Ford and Mr. Bryan conferred at the latter's home concerning the forwarding of the peace movement as against national preparation.

If we desire the flowers of paradise we must sow the seeds.

## SEC. DANIELS TO GO DOWN IN SUBMARINE

New York, Sept. 23.—At the invitation of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Henry Ford of Detroit, will go down in a submarine at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Arrangements for Mr. Ford to inspect a submarine were made following his call on Secretary Daniels at Washington yesterday. Mr. Daniels desires to enlist Mr. Ford's services in aiding the navy to solve the problems it is confronted with in developing soluble types of engines for submarines and aeroplanes. Though Mr. Ford told Secretary Daniels that he felt he would oppose war as vigorously as lay in his power, he assured him that as an American citizen his services were always at the disposal of the government, and that he would do all in his power to assist the navy.

On the request of Mr. Ford, Secretary Daniels is having prepared a history of the navy department's efforts to evolve satisfactory types of engines for aeroplanes and submarines which is to be sent Mr. Ford for his information.

Naval officers admit that if Mr. Ford can make possible the use of a gasoline engine in submarines when submerged, he will have achieved a great step forward in the development of submarines.

Mr. Ford said: "The way to stop this awful business of war is to exterminate the warriors. I can make an aerial torpedo thrower, operated by wireless, which would deplete the earth in a short time, and it wouldn't cost more than \$100 to make it." He also described his gasoline submarine, which, he insisted, "will work," despite the many criticisms which have been offered by the incredulous.

Boxing Contest Stopped.

Findlay, O., Sept. 23.—City officials issued an order preventing the boxing exhibition which was to have been held here this evening. Biz Mackey of Findlay was scheduled to fight Frankie Saunders of Elizabeth, N. J., and several preliminaries were on the program.

## CAPTURED CITIES IN RUSSIA GUARDED BY THE OLD MEN OF GERMAN LANDSTURM.



GERMAN LANDSTURM ON EASTERN FRONT

In the accompanying illustration are shown members of the German landsturm on their way to the eastern front of war. Note the man in front with the flowing white beard. The

German landsturm is composed of the older men in Germany who long ago served their time in the army. These men are now used mainly to garrison cities and forts in Russia

and Poland which have capitulated to the advancing Germans. Occasionally they get in a skirmish, but they are chiefly used for guard and trench duty.

## STONE SEES WILSON ON SPECIAL SESSION

Washington, Sept. 23.—Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate, called at the White House to urge President Wilson to call a special session of the senate in October in order that the senate may be swept clear of executive business before congress convenes in December. The president told Mr. Stone that he had the matter under consideration, but he did not indicate what his decision would be.

## DIES IN STREETCAR; FORTUNE IN CORSET

New York, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Annie Madden Vaughan Watson, wife of Henry Winfield Watson, former congressman from the Eighth Pennsylvania district, whose country estate in at Langhorne, in Bucks county, Pa., died suddenly in a streetcar here.

In the lining of her corset were found \$50,000 worth of jewelry and \$12,000 in cash. Henry Watson, the widower, arrived in the city and claimed the body, which was taken to Pennsylvania for burial.

## K. P. CASTLE DEDICATED

Newark, O., Sept. 23.—The Grand lodge of Ohio Knights of Pythias dedicated the new \$65,000 Pythian castle here, in the presence of more than 5,000 members of the order. Grand Chancellor William Schuchardt of Cincinnati presided at the dedicatory ceremonies. Supreme Chancellor Brig S. Young of Ada delivered an address.

## KILLS CHILD AND SELF

Wellington, O., Sept. 23.—Mrs. John Kolodziej of Cleveland, recuperating from illness at the home of Albert Liss, near here, strangled to death her five-year-old daughter Mary and then hanged herself.

## SHOULD WASH HER EARS

Findlay, O., Sept. 23.—After suffering from pains in her head for years, Miss Clara Kimball, a local high school teacher, had a sprouting grain of corn taken from her ear. When a child she dropped several kernels in her ear and it was thought at the time that all had been removed.

## LOCATES LONG LOST BROTHER

Toledo, Sept. 23.—After a separation of fifty-five years, Mrs. Helen McCullough, a widow of this city, has located her brother, J. D. Bingham, at Kalamazoo, Mich., and has gone there to see him. The two became separated at the death of their parents.

## GIZZARD SPECIAL

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio and his party, en route to the Panama-Pacific exposition, were welcomed to Chicago by a large delegation of the Ohio Society of Chicago. The governor addressed 300 representative men of the city on the subject, "The Business Man in Politics." He declared that business has suffered from too much legislation. The governor made a plea for a merchant marine.

## PETITION SIGNATURES

Columbus, Sept. 23.—When the signer of an initiative or referendum petition fails to write down, himself, the name of his ward and precinct, his signature becomes invalid, according to a ruling given by Attorney General Turner to Secretary of State Hildebrandt. The attorney general still has under consideration the question of whether the secretary of state still has final authority to pass upon the validity of petitions.

## CAMPBELL'S FUNNY TALK

Columbus, Sept. 23.—Dr. Z. B. Campbell, president of the state civil service commission, in answer to criticism that the efficiency of some departments would be jeopardized by provisional appointments, issued this statement: "There is absolutely no assurance that the provisional appointments now being made in different state departments will eventually be made permanent. Every provisional appointee must take the examination prepared by this commission, and must get a grade which will place him among the first three; otherwise he can not be made the permanent appointee."

To Discuss Peace Plans. Cleveland, Sept. 23.—The directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States will meet in Cleveland Oct. 5, 6 and 7. They are expected to study proposals made by the league of enforced peace for suggestions on ending the present conflict abroad.

## TO AWAIT WORD FROM VIENNA

Government Will Not Secure Safe Conduct For Dumba.

LATTER WOULD SAIL FOR HOME

Telegraphs Request to Acting Secretary of State Polk, Who Takes the Matter Up With President Wilson. Cases of Captain Von Papen, Consul Nuber and Others Under Consideration.

Washington, Sept. 23.—It is authoritatively stated that the American government will make no effort to secure safe conduct from the United States of Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador here, until the Vienna government has replied to the request that the ambassador be recalled.

Dr. Dumba himself telegraphed Assistant Secretary Phillips of the state department from Lenox, Mass., giving notice that his government had recalled him home on leave and asking that the American government arrange for his safe conduct to Vienna. He added that he planned to sail on Sept. 25.

Acting Secretary Polk conferred with President Wilson on the Dumba incident and other international questions. Later it became known that the United States would await formal word from the Austro-Hungarian foreign office before acting on Dr. Dumba's request.

A reply from Vienna is expected within the next few days to the note asking that Dr. Dumba be withdrawn from Washington in consequence of a letter he wrote to his foreign minister outlining plans for strikes in American munition plants.

Inasmuch as dispatches from Vienna have indicated that the government there already has chosen a temporary successor to Dr. Dumba, it is taken for granted here that no attempt will be made to send the latter back here whatever may be the manner of his going.

The president was still considering what action, if any, to take in regard to Captain Franz Von Papen, German military attaché here; Alexander Nuber von Persek, Austro-Hungarian consul general in New York, and other Austro-Hungarian and German officials involved in the Dumba incident. Photographic copies of more of the letters taken from James F. J. Archibald in London will be awaited before final action will be taken.

## LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Cattle—Prime steers, \$9.00; shipper, \$8.75; butchers, \$8.50; hogs, \$6.50; corn, \$2.50; wheat, \$1.50; flour, \$4.00.

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## IS FACING A CRISIS

City Of Torreon In A Bad Way

Stripped of Food Supplies By Villa's Retreating Army.

STARVATION NOW THREATENS

Capture of City of Chihuahua by Carranza Forces is Officially Recorded. American Consul Fletcher En Route to the Border—Efforts Made in Behalf of American Kidnaped by Mexican Bandits.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 23.—A crisis is facing the Mexican population of Torreon. Some 20,000 men, women and children are without food. General Villa's forces before evacuating the place, took with it all available food and cattle. Carranzistas have been urged to rush food out of Monterey and Saltillo for Torreon.

Carranzistas report that the Villa troops have destroyed the Mexican Central railroad north of Torreon as they retreated from Torreon. Villa is reported as due in Juarez momentarily to supervise the transshipping of his forces westward from the border city as they reach Juarez in their retreat.

American Consul Fletcher at Chihuahua City is reported en route to the border by automobile.

General Manuel Banda, superintendent of Villa's railway, has reached Juarez and taken charge of the train operations.

The wife of E. P. Fuller of Los Angeles, the ranchman kidnaped by bandits south of Juarez, is arranging to come to El Paso on the first train from Villa Ahumada, eighty-six miles south of the border. C. H. Fuller, brother of the kidnaped man, is en route here from Los Angeles. Consul George C. Carothers is probing the case.

Chihuahua, Villa's capital, has been captured by Carranzistas in a sweeping northward movement. Official dispatches told of the flight of Villa's main army to the northern border of Chihuahua state. The Villistas are reported retreating into Sonora to join General Maytorena's army.

## KILLED IN SUBWAY BLAST

Woman, Former Resident of Ohio, Among the Victims.

New York, Sept. 23.—Seven persons were killed and between 85 and 100 others injured when a dynamite blast in a partly constructed section of the Seventh avenue subway caused an entire block of pavement to cave in, engulfing a crowded trolley car, a heavy truck and many pedestrians. The dead include Louis Kurgman, a passenger; Mrs. M. N. Newton, Mrs. Zaidie C. Stewart, and four laborers. Mrs. Stewart is said to have been a former resident of Columbus, O.

Eastland Officials Indicted.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Indictments charging conspiracy and criminal carelessness in connection with the Eastland disaster in which 812 persons lost their lives were returned by the federal grand jury against six steamship company officials, including President George P. Arnold, and two federal steamboat inspectors, Robert Reid and Charles E. Eckliffe.

Charity Worker Dead.

Massillon, O., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Mary McL. Russell, wife of a prominent manufacturer and noted for her contributions to charity, is dead at her home here.

## KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Canton, O., Sept. 23.—Gale McKinney, four son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKinney, was run over by an automobile. When picked up and carried from the street he opened his eyes and said, "I'm not hurt; I'm all right." He died in about an hour.